



# NWTF Grant Writing Workshop

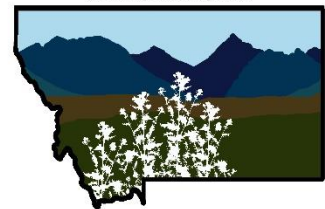
Montana Department Of Agriculture



# **NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND**

- **Established in 1985**
  - **Facilitated by MDA Staff**
  
- **NWTF Funding**
  - **Vehicle Registration Fee**
  - **Interest on \$10 Million Trust Fund**
  - **General Fund**
  - **Cooperative Forestry Funds**
  - **MDT Pass Through Funds**

**Noxious Weed Trust Fund**  
Montana Department of Agriculture



# Funding Recipients:



Community Groups



Tribes



Educators



Researchers



Counties

# Collaborating Organizations:



Weed  
District

University


County or  
Tribe

Extension  
Office

Conservation  
District



# **TYPES OF GRANTS:**

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- **Emergency Grants**
  - **Special County / Reservation Grants**
  - **MDT Funding**
  - **Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grants**

# NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND

- **Education / Development Grants**

- Planning
- Mapping
- Monitoring
- Education

- **Research Grants**

- Chemical
- Non-Chemical
- Biological
- Integrated Weed Management





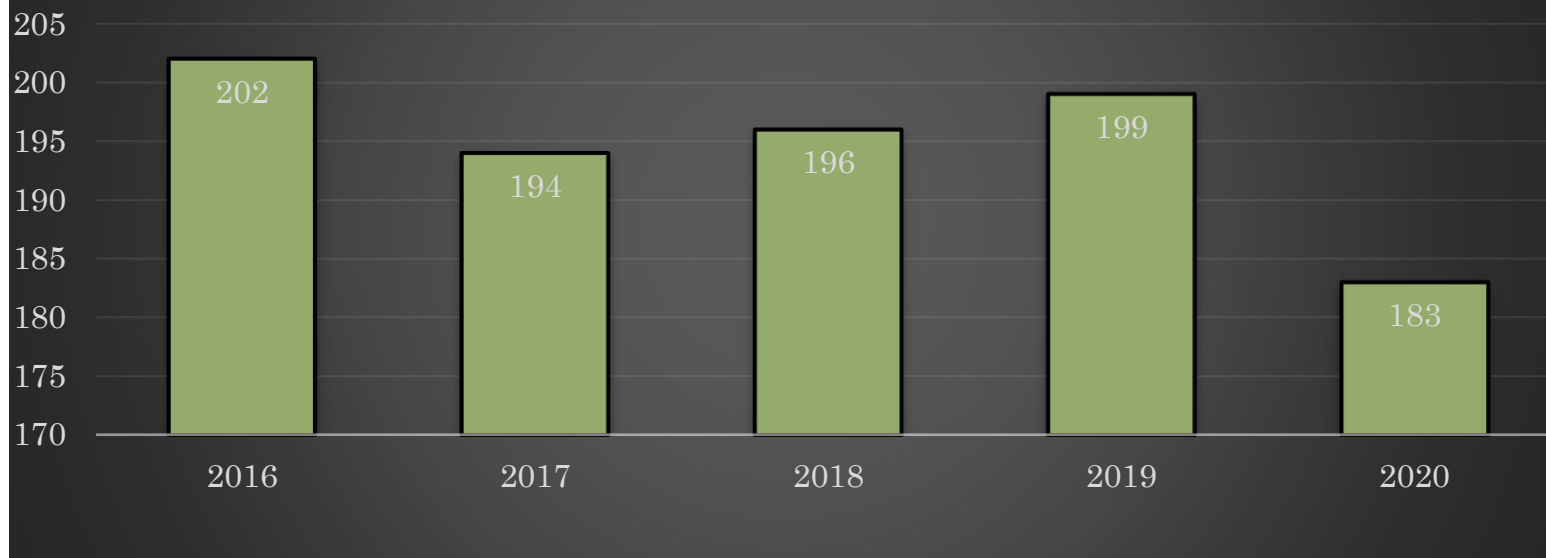
# NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND

## Local Cooperative Grants

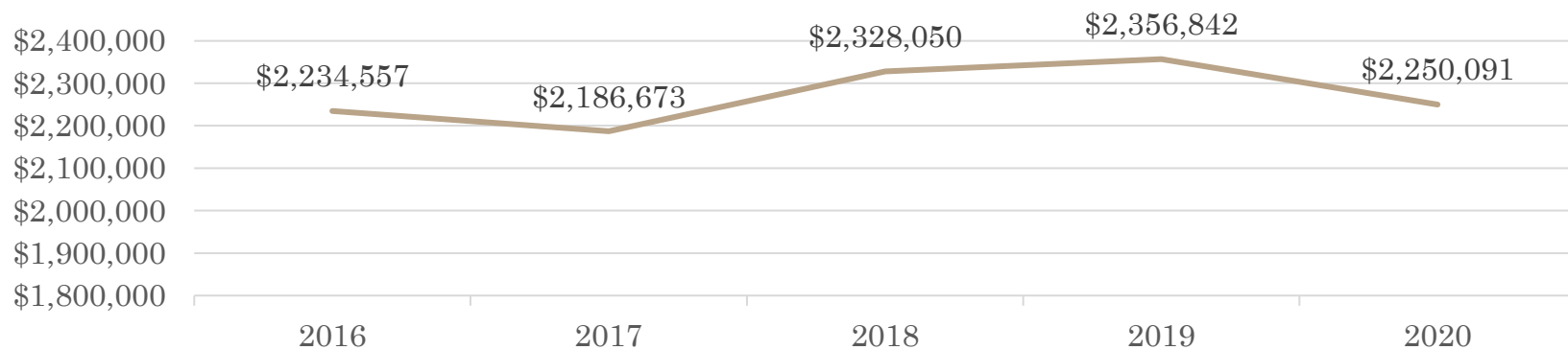
- ∞ On the ground treatment in CWMA's
- ∞ Mapping, Biological, Grazing, Revegetation
- ∞ 50% cost-share for herbicide, commercial applicator and seed
- ∞ EA's required for NEW projects



## Number of Awards



## Amount Awarded





# Application Process...



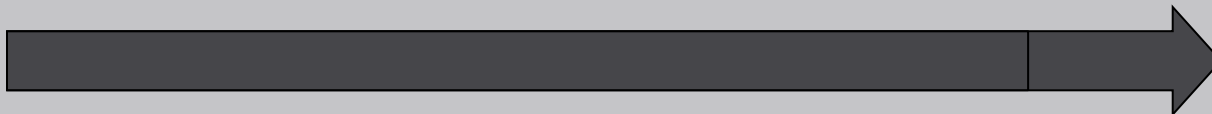
Planning-  
Organization  
&  
Participants

Landowner  
Meetings

Mapping,  
Photos

Treatment  
Options

WebGrants  
Application  
Submittal



# Planning

- Have a landowner meeting, send WMPs, get commitment
  - What weeds are present and need controlling; map/mark them
  - How many acres to spray
  - What products have they been using
  - What type of application do they want
  - How much are they willing to spend
- Define the boundary (Not too big, not too small, but just right!)
  - County lines, watershed, placement of public lands, etc.
- Explain Requirements & Define Objectives/Goals
  - Reimbursable, time sensitive objectives, keep and submit receipts, mapping & photos, site visit, education, grant hearings
- Get a history on the area and past management/ownership
  - Herbicide, targeted grazing, biocontrol, non-compliance, etc.

# What can you be reimbursed for?

- Supplies and materials
- Travel
- Grazing
- Seed
- Re-seeding costs
- Herbicide (State Bid Prices- no more than 15% over)
- Herbicide application costs

\* Up to 3% (or \$1,000) for Administrative Costs if eligible





## GRANT HEARINGS

15 minutes for each application presentation & questions.

## CONTRACTS

Grantees must follow project activities as approved in the application and contract.  
Reimbursable grant program.

- Complete Planned Activities
- Meet Project Objectives



Record Keeping



Site Visits



Status Reports



Claims



# **Start Off Right**

- **Set the budget up correctly**
  - Appropriate categories
  - Correct amounts
    - 10% deviation allowed for budgeted categories
- **Communication between project coordinator and project participants**
  - Allowable expenses
  - Allowable herbicides
  - Required receipt documentation
- **Maintain accurate and complete records**



# Project Successes

A snippet of past projects that have used the NWTf and IWM with great success!



# Research

## Biocontrol

- Toadflax
- Hawkweeds
- Whitetop
- Russian Knapweed
- Russian Olive
- Common Tansy
- Oxeye Daisy
- Flowering Rush
- Rush Skeletonweed

## Grazing / Revegetation

- Grazing Capacity
- Altering Planting Dates
- Targeted Grazing Effects
- Secondary Infestations
- Patterns of Invasions
- Plant Community Responses
- Developing New Biocontrols

Collaborators: MSU, UMT, MWCA, County Weed Districts

# Education / Development

## Biocontrol Education

- Whitehall Insectary
- Ravalli County Bio-Kids
- Madison County Biocontrol
- Montana Biocontrol Coordination Project

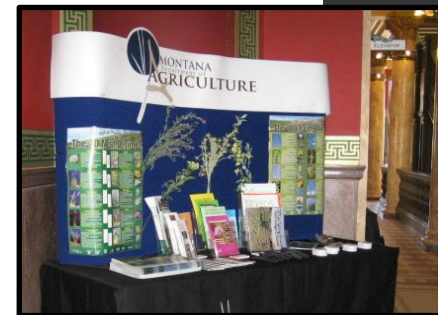
## Public Weed Education

- Ready-Set-Action – Weed Videos
- Youth Forest Monitoring Program
- Montana Noxious Weed Education Campaign



## Weed Management Tools

- Weed Coordinator Training
- EDDMapS West
- Weed ID & IWM Strategies



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# Local Cooperatives

## Central MT

- Goulding Creek, Musselshell Co.
- Chico CWMA, Park Co.
- Smith River Corridor CWMA, Smith River Habitat Project, Inc.
- Summit CWMA, Meagher Co.
- Eden Grant, Cascade Co.

## Western MT

- Big Hole/ Wise River, Beaverhead Co.
- Jack Creek, Madison Co.
- Wye to Marshall, Missoula Co.

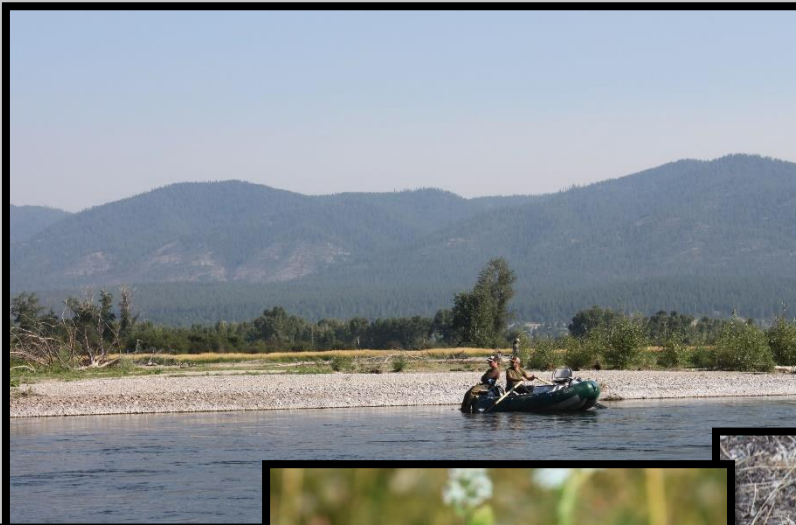
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## Eastern MT

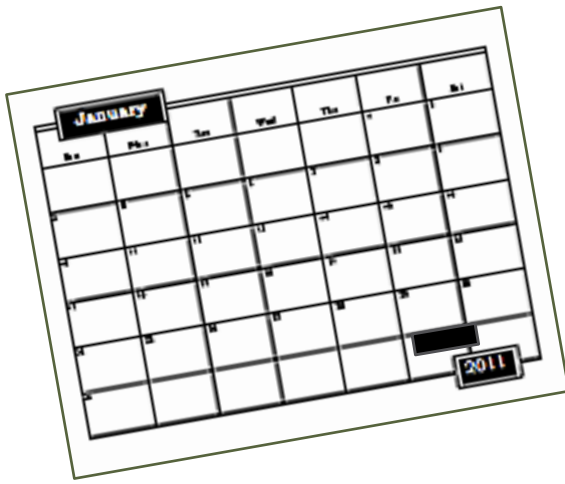
- South End, Carter Co.
- Powder River LS Project, Custer Co.
- Valley County WMA, Valley Co.

## New Invaders

- Rush Skeletonweed (Lincoln Co., Sanders Co., Ravalli Co.)
- Dyer's Woad, Beaverhead Co.
- Tansy Ragwort, Lincoln Co.
- Blueweed, Ravalli Co.







# Important DATES...

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Emergency Applications Due

Nov. 30 & April 15<sup>th</sup> - Status Reports Due

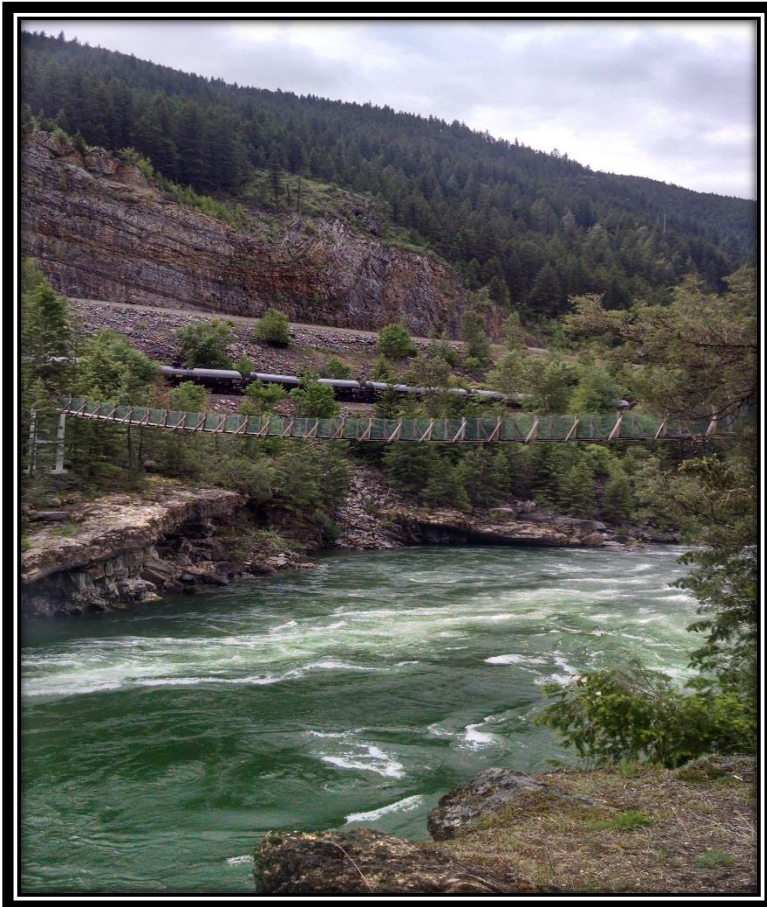
January 6<sup>th</sup> - NWTF Applications Due

January 6<sup>th</sup> - Special Co/Reservation Applications Due

March 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grant Hearings Virtual

Contract Return Date, Start & End Dates

# Questions?



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